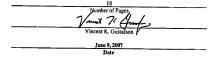
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This responds to the March 8, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application.

The time for responding to the March 8, 2007 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or June 8, 2007. Applicants hereby request a <u>one month</u> extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 to extend the deadline for response to <u>July 8, 2007</u>. Payment of the \$ 60.00 small entity fee specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(a) for such extension is authorized in the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in Section I (Amendments to the Claims) hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the March 8, 2007 Office Action are set out in Section II (Remarks) hereof.